

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

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TO: IV-D DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: MANDATORY USE OF THE CALIFORNIA CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINE
CALCULATOR IN IV-D CASES BY THE COURTS

The California Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) has worked closely with the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), in coordinating with the local courts to ensure all courts use the statewide guideline calculator (GC) when calculating support for IV-D cases. Therefore, all IV-D support calculations, whether done by the court or Local Child Support Agency (LCSA), now use the statewide GC as required for system certification.

Use of the statewide GC is critical to the success of CCSAS certification. Should an LCSA participate in a IV-D court proceeding in which a Commissioner uses a third party calculator to determine support, the LCSA must notify DCSS immediately. DCSS will coordinate with the AOC to reaffirm the federal direction on this issue (see Certification Letter 08-01, dated April 4, 2008) and to provide additional guidance to the court.

If you have any questions, please contact Jarilyn Jones with the Program Policy Branch, at (916) 464-5883.